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CITY LIMITS SHOULD BE EXTENDED.

Just about once a year a movement looking toward the extension of the city limits is launched by the city council and Chamber of Commerce. These movements usually last a few weeks, and sometimes they are even talked about for a few months, but in the end they die before definite action of any kind has been taken. In the past five years, great volumes of statistics have been gathered by different council and chamber committees and at times it has appeared that action certainly was about to be taken. But action has never been taken; the question of whether or not it is advisable for the limits to be extended has not even been passed upon.

The Daily Press is unqualifiedly in favor of an extension of the limits, and believes that a large majority of the people of this city and of the suburban communities hold the same view. Of course the question of what territory shall be brought into the city and what shall be left out is one which should be carefully and deliberately considered. There is some territory that it is neither advisable nor feasible to annex, while on the other hand there are certain sections which should by all means be within the limits. No haphazard, indiscriminate reaching out for additional territory is advocated by this paper, but there should be an extension and we should not wait for the next generation to accomplish the work.

The latest movement, started at the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce Friday evening, should be given the support of every citizen. The committee named to make an investigation and report at a meeting to be held two weeks hence already is at work and will have something for consideration at the stated time. Let every member of the chamber, and every other man who is interested in the matter, be on hand and see what happens when the committee reports. Enthusiasm and well attended meetings will keep this thing alive until something is done. If the public displays no interest, then action is liable to be postponed from time to time until this movement, like all the others, goes to the graveyard of a committee table.

It seems hardly necessary to point out reasons for extending the limits. Every one knows that there are some four or five thousand people who make their living in Newport News and regard the city as their home who live just outside of the limits. These people get neither fire nor police protection, and the city does not get their taxes. Both sides suffer when there is no necessity for it. Aside from the residential suburbs, to which the above reference was intended to apply, there are Bloodfield and the settlements about the lower Chesapeake & Ohio piers. These places have been eye-sores to the people of Newport News for years, and they will never be anything else until they are taken into the city and regulated by the city police. No one has ever seriously claimed that law is really enforced in Bloodfield, and the place has ever been a source of annoyance to the local police department.

Newport News proudly claims the rank of third city in Virginia. The last census estimate gave us that rank, but the next will not. Roanoke and Lynchburg have extended their limits and the next estimate will show them

leading us by several thousand inhabitants. And both of these places have taken in territory that is no more a part of those cities than River-view is a part of Newport News.

This city has a population of about 35,000, including only such suburban sections as logically should be within the limits. River-view is not included in the estimate, and no one contemplates reaching out that far at this time. We have this population and we want to be given credit for it in the next census, for a city's growth is estimated from a distance largely by the figures given in the census reports. And nothing advertises a city like figures showing that it is growing. For this reason, if for no other, we should extend our limits.

One of the principal arguments used against an extension is the contention that the city will be called upon to pave and light streets through unimproved and unoccupied property. This is purely fallacious. Of course streets will not be opened and lights will not be put up unless there is a necessity for it.

The representatives of the Old Dominion Land Company say that the property south of the city should not be annexed because, in the event of another railway desiring to establish a terminal here the fact that the southern waterfront is in the municipality will present a serious difficulty. In the first place, if another railroad wants to come here the municipality will do anything under the sun necessary to bring it in. Then the prospects for another railroad seem to be very hazy, and Captain Berkeley's question, "Can't we leave that problem to our grandchildren for solution?" seems to have been pertinent.

We must push this annexation movement from now until something is accomplished. There is going to be opposition, as there always has been, and if we stop pushing there will be no action. Get the question up before the council for serious attention, then there will be a plenty of time to discuss the question if just what territory we want to annex.

GREATEST BUNGO GAME OF THE DAY.

The recruiting bureau of the United States army and navy conduct the greatest bunco game of the day. Green, unsuspecting country boys are enticed into the service by all kinds of gross misrepresentations. Almost every day you can read of some father trying to get a discharge for his son, who, dazzled by the beautiful posters of moving pictures and swallowing the yarns of the recruiting officer, has enlisted in the army or navy. One week of the life usually dispels the dream, and then the boy wants to go home again.

Probably a majority of the deserters from the service are youths who enlist believing that army life is "one long recess," a glorious existence in which gorgeous uniforms, dangling swords and waving plumes are the chief features. The boy with dreams of the sea goes into the navy with the idea that he will lead a quiet, easy life, wearing the natty blue uniform, and seeing all the ports of the world. When the soldier boy has spent a week at some isolated army post garbed in a blue shirt and khaki breeches, doing guard duty in the dreary days and lonesome nights when there is nothing to guard and no one to guard against, and when the sailor lad has put in a week wearing "jumpers" and scrubbing the decks of a receiving ship, things are said about the recruiting agent and, very naturally, thoughts of desertion arise.

The Norfolk Landmark asks:

Will the Newport News Press favor the abolition of the State Quarantine if the next legislature fails to make the necessary financial provision to equip and maintain the service so as to get the Federal Quarantine away? The amount of money required would be \$25,000 or \$30,000 for the first year, and about \$10,000 a year thereafter. If Virginia continues to be unwilling to spend this much, the maintenance of the double system will continue to be an utter farce perpetrated at the expense of the state's commerce.

The Daily Press has expressed its opinion of the double quarantine system. Of course it should not be kept up. If the state legislature, after having the situation fairly explained, declines to establish an efficient state quarantine, then assuredly that state inspection should be abolished entirely and the protection of our ports left in the hands of the Federal government. This paper earnestly hopes, however, that the legislature will act favorably upon the recommendation that the necessary sum be appropriated to establish and maintain an effective quarantine station at Old Point. Governor Swanson has stated that he will make such a recommendation.

Federal officeholders are seeing through rose-colored glasses just now. Conditions throughout the country have been improving, according to reports from Washington, ever since the Presidential campaign began.

Three eminent physicians in Washington are practicing heart massage and other things on cats and rabbits. Some eminent physicians are not particular about doing their experimenting on the lower order animals.

In Cumberland, Md., a man is charged by his wife with desertion, bigamy, larceny, robbery and receiving stolen goods. She evidently wants him put away for keeps.

The "lily-white" branch of the Republican party does not seem to be able to keep all the brothers in order. Out in Bluefield, W. Va., the McDowell county Republican boss was arrested in a raid upon a "social equality" club, in which whites and blacks gamed and drank together.

A Washington negro has been adjudged insane on the subject of politics and committed to an asylum. If all the people who are crazy on this subject were to be confined, a new lot of asylums would be needed.

A CHANGE IN PROGRESS.

The New York papers are beginning to "sit up and take notice" of the unexpected strength Bryan is developing in that State. The wise and judicious conservatism that he has displayed since his nomination is having its effect even in New York, and is bringing to his support men and elements that were least counted upon. The campaign began with New York conceding to the Republicans, together with practically all the territory east of the Ohio and north of the Potomac; now there are several States there in which we have more than a fighting chance, and the Republicans are showing distinct anxiety about New York.

New York is normally Democratic. It was the alarm felt and the antagonism aroused by what was regarded as Bryan's extreme radicalism that made New York apparently hopeless Republican in any presidential election in which he was the nominee of the Democrats. Hearst's Independence League movement seemed to destroy the last vestige of Democratic hope to carry New York in this election. But that there is a marked change in progress is apparent. How far it is already progressed we cannot tell; but if nothing arises to check it, the Republicans may well feel anxious for the State.

Hearst and his League are doing much less harm than was expected; and Bryan's conservatism is doing a world of good.

This last cause is having its effect, not only in New York, but in other States of the East, and the Democrats are now far—very far—from conceding to the "enemy," the country north and east of the two rivers.

It may well be that our great gains will be in the East instead of the West. Mr. Bryan's conservatism since his nomination has been as gratifying to his friends as it has been surprising and disappointing to his enemies. It has done much for him, and bids fair to do more.—Richmond Evening Journal.

WITH THE PARAGRAPHERS.

The welcome to our fleet at Sydney appears to have been exceedingly cordial and to have been witnessed and participated in by a multitude as vast as even New York itself would probably muster on such an occasion. People in America and Europe are accustomed to seeing considerable naval gatherings, but such a sight as our fleet presents is unprecedented in Australian waters.—New York Tribune.

Apparently a larger number of persons are killed by automobiles than by flying machines.—Charleston News and Courier.

There is a limit to the penitence of the Sukan. He is willing to steal no more, but wants his title to loot on hand made good.—Philadelphia Ledger.

One advantage of the canned speech is that the spellbinder can not call the photograph a liar and claim he was misquoted.—Omaha Bee.

The only perceptible difference between the various flying machines is that some are not as badly damaged as others.—Kansas City Star.

It is always advisable even for the man who is able to paddle his own canoe to know how to swim.—Galveston News.

Those Indiana voters who make a business of politics will be pleased to hear that their state is to be in the doubtful list this year.—Chicago News.

Nobody seems able to discover what it is, but everybody is agreed that John Hays Hammond wants something, and wants it very much.—Washington Times.

They are playing "The Devil" at two New York theatres, one of the Evil Spirit apparently not being enough to go around in that town.—Philadelphia Press.

Prosperity may come back at any rate of speed it prefers, and no arrests will follow.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

It is said that an old law has been found in Maryland which makes hanging the penalty for bigamy. Evidently they did not think that two mothers-in-law was sufficient punishment.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

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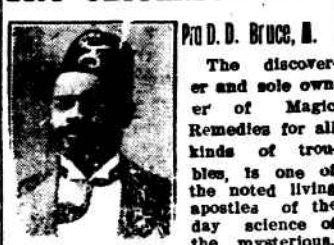
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